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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to a communication mailed on August 11, 2005 alleging that Applicant's Amendment filed on August 4, 2005 was non-compliant. Specifically, the Notice of Non-Compliance Amendment alleges that claim 31 was canceled by Amendment on October 25, 2004 and the Amendment as filed on August 4, 2005 alleges that it is an original claim.

Applicant did cancel claim 31 in an Amendment dated October 21, 2004. However, Applicant discovered thereafter that the present application included two claim 24s. In an Amendment dated April 11, 2005, Applicant renumbered original claim 31 to be amended claim 32 which still identified the claim at issue as being canceled.

On August 1, 2005, Applicant responded to an Office Action that alleged that claim 26 was canceled and was identified an original claim. Applicant complied with the Office Action and substituted a claim set that included identification of claim 26 as being canceled. The August 1, 2005 response also indicated that claim 32, as claim 31, was also canceled. Applicant believes

that the claim set as submitted on August 4, 2005, is correct. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the claims as presented on August 4, 2005 be reconsidered and allowed.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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